

House Resolution 1684

By: Representatives Kidd of the 145th, Sharper of the 177th, Channell of the 120th, Epps of the 144th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative Jimmy Pruett, recipient of the Brain and
2 Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission's 2013 Pathfinder Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia encourages safe and healthful athletics for Georgia youth;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, in 2010 alone 12,198 Georgia youth, ages 5-18, sustained traumatic brain
6 injuries unrelated to a motor vehicle accident; and

7 WHEREAS, the National Football League, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
8 the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Federation of High Schools, and other
9 esteemed organizations have actively addressed the issue of student-athlete concussions and
10 the prevention and management thereof; and

11 WHEREAS, all communities in Georgia need equal access to training and management
12 information for youth sports concussions; and

13 WHEREAS, prompt recognition and management of concussion symptoms contributes to
14 significantly improved chances of full recovery; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Jimmy Pruett of the 149th House District sponsored House Bill
16 284, the Return to Play Act of 2013; and

17 WHEREAS, many school districts statewide implemented concussion management policies
18 months ahead of the January 1, 2014, deadline in the Return to Play Act; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Pruett's initiative will help to protect Georgia's young athletes
20 now and for years to come, and for his efforts, he has been awarded the Brain and Spinal
21 Injury Trust Fund Commission's 2013 Pathfinder Award.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Representative Jimmy Pruett for his
24 efforts in protecting Georgia youth and for receiving the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund
25 Commission's 2013 Pathfinder Award.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Representative Jimmy
28 Pruett.